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15 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 15 January 1968

DD/I reported that Under Secretary of the Treasury Joseph Barr was briefed on Soviet absorption of local currency costs in the support of Soviet troops in Eastern Europe.

DD/I observed that the collapse of the Laotian government's defense of Nam Bac was primarily due to a lack of decisive leadership within the RLA.

Godfrey drew attention to Castro's virulent anti-U. S. speech of 12 January.

D/ONE reported that the paper on the sale of F-5's to Latin American countries is moving along and that a draft is now ready for coordination among USIB members.

DD/S reported that there was an arms theft at Fort Meade over the weekend.

DD/S reported that an employee slipped on the ice at the loading dock this morning and injured his back.

Warner reported that Senator Fulbright indicated on Friday he wishes the briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to concentrate on the political rather than the military aspects of various questions and that he is particularly interested in the relationship of China to what is going on in Vietnam. (See Action 1)

Warner reported that Senator Russell wishes a briefing of the Senate Armed Services Committee next Thursday morning.

Executive Director will discuss with the Deputies and Bross this morning the briefings for BOB Director-designate Zwick.

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X1 The Director sought certain clarifications concerning the attack of the AN-2's on [ ] and was told, among other things, that this is the first Communist employment of offensive aerial activity in Laos.

Goodwin reported that Radio Havana is replaying Radio Hanoi diatribes in English.

ACTION:

1. The Director urged the DD/I to facilitate preparation of the material for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee briefing and asked the DD/I to meet with him at 1500 today to discuss the briefing.

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L. K. White

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